

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for confining a liquid (14, 32, 60) in at least one area (2, 20) of a substrate (4, 22, 56), ~~this~~ the method comprising ~~been characterized in that:~~

applying a treatment is applied to ~~[[the]]~~ a surface of ~~[[this]]~~ the substrate, capable of creating on ~~[[this]]~~ the surface, at least one area (2, 20), the wettability of which by the liquid is larger than that of the surroundings of ~~[[this]]~~ the at least one area on the surface,

immersing the substrate is immersed in the liquid (14, 32, 60), and

~~[[this]]~~ removing the substrate ~~is removed~~ from the liquid,

wherein, before applying the treatment to the surface of the substrate, a cavity ~~[[(40)]]~~ intended adapted to contain the liquid is further formed in the area, ~~[[this]]~~ the cavity including a single aperture ~~[[(41)]]~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein rough features (8, 26) are further created on the at least one area or on the surroundings of ~~[[this]]~~ the area or on both of ~~[[them]]~~ the at least one area and the surroundings of the at least one area.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cavity ~~[[(40)]]~~ is filled by immersing the substrate ~~[[(56)]]~~ in the liquid ~~[[(60)]]~~, then by lowering the pressure above the liquid from atmospheric pressure to a pressure less than the saturation vapor pressure of ~~[[this]]~~ the liquid, subsequently by re-establishing the atmospheric pressure and then by removing the substrate from the liquid.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cavity ~~[(40)]~~ is filled by placing the substrate ~~[(56)]~~ in a vacuum chamber ~~[(66)]~~, then applying vacuum in ~~[(this)]~~ the chamber, subsequently by injecting the liquid ~~[(60)]~~ into the chamber, up to total immersion of the substrate, then by re-establishing atmospheric pressure in the chamber and then removing the substrate from the liquid.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the applied surface treatment is capable of making the at least one area both lipophobic and hydrophobic.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein this surface treatment comprises the deposition of a polytetrafluoroethylene layer on ~~[(this)]~~ the at least one area.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises oil ~~[(14)]~~ and a treatment is applied to the at least one area, capable of making the at least one area ~~latter~~ lipophilic.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises water and a treatment is applied to the at least one area, capable of making the ~~latter~~ at least one area hydrophilic.

Claims 9-11. (Cancelled)